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ORDER OF THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD AMENDING RULE RELATED TO TRAINING PROGRAM GRANTS

The Wisconsin Technical College System Board proposes an order to amend TCS 17.06 relating to training program grants.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD

1. Statutes interpreted: Wis. Stats. § 20.292(1)(eh) and § 38.41

2. Statutory authority: Wis. Stats. § 38.41

- 3. **Explanation of agency authority:** Section 38.41(4), Stats., authorizes the technical college system board to promulgate rules to implement and administer the awarding of grants to technical college district boards to provide skills training or other education related to the needs of business.
- 4. Related statute or rule: TCS 17.06
- 5. **Plain language analysis:** TCS 17 relates to training grants for technical college districts that provide skills training or other education related to the needs of business. A 25% match is required as a condition of the grant awards. The proposed amendment would eliminate the match requirement.
- 6. Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulations: Not applicable
- 7. Comparison with rules in adjacent states: Not applicable
- 8. Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies: Not applicable
- 9. Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact report: Not applicable
- 10. **Effect on small business:** Positive effect -- without the 25% match requirement, small businesses may be better able to take advantage of the training or education funding opportunities provided by this grant. Small businesses may access training or education through the training program grants, but there is no mandated participation in the program.
- 11. **Agency contact person:** Morna Foy, Vice President, Wisconsin Technical College System, 4622 University Avenue, P.O. Box 7874, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7874, telephone (608) 266-2449, e-mail morna.foy@wtcsystem.edu.

12. Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission: A public hearing was held and written comments were accepted by the agency contact person listed above until 4:00 pm on September 28, 2010.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Section TCS 17.06 is amended to read:

TCS 17.06 CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AWARD. (1) District boards or employers receiving skills training or education under the grant shall contribute matching funds, other than in-kind matching funds, equal to at least 25% of total approved project costs.

- (2) Grant award funds, including matching funds, may not be used for administration, marketing, or indirect costs.
- (3) The board may establish limitations on the percentage of the grant award funds and matching funds that may be used to purchase or lease instructional materials, software, equipment or supply items and that may be used to fund staff development costs. Such limitations shall be specified in the grant guidelines approved by the board under TCS 17.03(2).

EFFECTIVE DATE

This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2011.

Wisconsin Technical College System Board

Daniel Clancy, President

Wisconsin Technical College System